

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated March 28, 2005 and the reference cited therein. In response thereto, claims 15-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 2 is amended to correct the typo. Claims 1-14 and 18-20 are pending in the application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-14 and 18-20 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-14 of U. S. Patent No. 6,853,315.

Applicant respectfully submits a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and check in the amount of \$ 65.00 to cover the filing fee. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 04-1420 and notify us of the same.

If a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-752-7367.

Respectfully submitted,

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